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Camden County Fire Rescue Adds Over \$1 Million in Upgrades

WOODBINE, Ga. - October 16, 2019 - Camden County Fire Rescue (CCFR) is pleased to announce over \$1 Million in new upgrades for the benefit of Camden County residents. With the recent addition of a new engine to its fleet, the acquisition of six (6) fixed generators through Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds, and the new Firehouse 18 in the Tarboro area of northwest Camden County, CCFR is continuing its commitment to provide excellent service to the citizens of Camden County.

"Fire protection and emergency services are the primary cost drivers of the unincorporated millage rate," said Chairman Jimmy Starline. "We residents to understand where their tax dollars are spent and this new equipment represents a significant capital expenditure that will benefit the county for vears to come."



"I am thankful for the leadership of the Camden County Board of Commissioners for their continued investment in public safety and in Camden County Fire Rescue," said Fire Chief Terry Smith. "We are excited to announce the new engine, generators, and Firehouse 18 as examples of our continued commitment to first-rate fire service for the citizens of Camden County."

A 2019 E-ONE Rescue Pumper, Engine 12, will serve citizens in the Mush Bluff area of eastern Camden County at Firehouse 12 and is the third new engine in the last three years for CCFR. The \$287,985 engine was paid with Impact Fees and through the unincorporated fund.

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From Left: Commissioner Lannie Brant, Assistant Chief Charles Lowther, Chief Terry Smith, Vice-Chair Gary Blount, Chairman Jimmy Starline, Grants Manager Julie Haigler, Commissioner Chuck Clark, Captain Lisa Boyett, and Commissioner Ben Casey

Through HMGP funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), the Camden County Board of Commissioners has received \$190,216 to provide six (6) new fixed generators at firehouses throughout unincorporated Camden County. With a local match of \$33,568, these fixed generators seek to ensure continuity of critical fire services to the community in the event of prolonged power outages from events such as hurricanes or other natural disasters.

Camden County Fire Rescue is holding an Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the new nearly \$600,000 Firehouse 18 in the Tarboro area of northwestern Camden County from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 24, 2019. Located

at 435 New Post Road in White Oak, the Open House will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the Ribbon Cutting starting at 5:30 p.m. and participants are invited to tour the new 4.050 square foot firehouse. Additionally, Camden County Fire Rescue will have other engines and tankers available for families to view.



About Camden County: Located in the extreme southeast corner of Georgia, Camden County truly is "Georgia's Coastal Community of Choice." Originally formed in 1777, Camden County is best known for its rich history, natural scenic beauty and Southern hospitality. Our vision is helping to make this the best place to live by preserving and enhancing the history and quality of life, while promoting smart growth and providing an efficient, effective and responsive government.

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